

27 **Public Safety.**

28 (1) Common Consumption. The city's governing body is tasked with providing public
29 safety for its citizens. As such, it is in the best position to determine if a public
30 street or roadway that lies within a common consumption area under K.S.A. 41-
31 2659 needs to be closed to motorized traffic. We support legislation to turn this
32 decision over to local governing bodies.

33 (2) Abandoned Housing. We support legislation that would give cities additional
34 tools to deal with vacant and abandoned housing.

35 (3) Mental Health. We support allocating additional resources for mental health
36 programs. Funds should be allocated for community mental health centers and
37 additional bed space for patients with mental health issues.

38 (4) Driver's License. We support the elimination of mandatory jail time for driving on
39 a suspended license as sensible step to increasing the number of citizens
40 achieving the goal of correcting the violations which lead to the suspended license
41 and reinstating their licenses to a valid status.

42 **Community Development**

43 (1) Docking Building. We support the renovation of the Docking State Office
44 Building and the City of Topeka seeks to work with the State to preserve items
45 of historic value, to the extent possible.

46 (2) Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) Lab. We support locating
47 of the KDHE Lab within City limits.

48 (3) Menninger Property. We support efforts to secure state funding for projects to
49 redevelop Menninger Hill.

50 (4) Broadband. The State should support efforts that invest in broadband as an
51 essential utility for the success of the community.

52 (5) ARPA/IIJA. The City should seek opportunities for program and project funding
53 through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Federal Infrastructure
54 Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

55 **League of Kansas Municipalities**. We support the League of Kansas Municipalities
56 2023 Statement of Municipal Policy to the extent the Policy is consistent with the City's
57 priorities and agenda, including opposing legislation limiting the City's Home Rule
58 authority.

59 ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Governing Body on November 1, 2022.

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Michael Padilla, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk